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A Continuation of the Letter written by a Polish Knight, concerning the Power of the Pope, &c.

THE former Part of this Letter (inserted in Yesterdays Courant,) ended thus, ' The Catholicks urge, that the Power claim'd by the Pope was institut'd by Christ himself, when he told St. Peter he would give him the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and that the Bishops of Rome are by uninterrupted Succession posses'd of those Keys.

The Writer proceeds.

To this their Adversaries Answer, that what was spoken to Peter was not directed to him exclusively of the other Apostles, but to all of them in common; and in Fact 'tis demonstrable they had all the same Gifts, and were empower'd with no less Authority than St. Peter to preach the Gospel. And tho' it should be allow'd St. Peter was the most eminent of the Apostles, it would not follow from thence that his Successors are Vest'd with the same Authority he had: Because there is not the same Need of it after the Church is established, as was at the Time of its Establishment; and besides, not the least Shadow of Proof of it can be quoted from the Holy Scriptures: On the contrary 'tis manifest from those Scriptures, that there were Churches prior to that of Rome, both in Antiquity and Lustre. St. Peter preach'd the Doctrine of Christ in several Parts, and founded many celebrated Churches, namely in Jerusalem, in Samaria, Syria, and Asia: Now say they, the Bishops of those Churches, might rightly claim as much if not more Authority than the Bishop of the Church of Rome. They challenge the Catholicks to produce a plain Evidence, or just Proof, of St. Peter's confining the Supreme Power of his Apostleship to the See of Rome, that it could be exercis'd there only and no where else. They go further, and aver St. Peter never was at Rome; but that the Tradition of his fixing the Apostolical See there, is fabulous: Besides, granting he was at Rome, they say nothing can be more absurd than to affirm, that at a Time when the Power of the Caesars was in its full Vigour, St. Peter durst have assum'd the least Authority over the lowest Roman, nay over the meanest Slave. The Catholicks contradict all this; And no Wonder, for such Arguments strike at the Root of the Pope's Power, and by Consequence alarm all thole that hold their Prerogatives from him: But to confess the Truth, I could never hear any Person solidly refuse them, nor urge one Word from Scripture to support the Romish Hierarchy. The Catholicks say the Hereticks lay too much Stress on the Scripture, and that 'tis not a proper Judge of this Controversy; And therefore appeal to pure and uncorrupt Antiquity. The Hereticks gladly put it upon that Issue. And what appears to me, after a careful Perusal of the Testimonies brought on both Sides, to be the true State of the Matters, is this. The Churches that upon the first preaching of the Gospel were planted in divers Parts of the Roman Empire, had all equal Au-

thority, none being subject to another; the Apostles seeking only to promulgate the Christian Doctrine, without any Contention for Superiority. Afterwards the Number of the faithful encreasing, I find that for the greater Order and Discipline Bishops were appointed in the chief Cities, who had each the Care of a Diocels committed to him. The Church being kept humble by almost continual Persecutions, made no Figure till the Emperor's embracing the Christian Faith confirm'd the Institution of Diocesan Episcopacy: But in a little time after, Ambition insinuating it self into the sacred Order, 5 Bishops were exalted above the rest, viz. those of Rome, Constantinople, Antiochia, Jerusalem, and Alexandria, and dignified with the Title of Metropolitans. The 2 first pretently contend for Precedency: The Bishop of Rome pleaded the ancient Honour of his City, urging that Rome was the Head of the Empire; the other alledg'd that the Majesty of the Roman Empire was removed to Constantinople. This Contest hung in even Balance, till the Emperor Phocas gave the Precedency to Gregory the Great Bishop of Rome, out of Personal Pique to the Bishop of Constantinople, who it seems inveigh'd bitterly against the Murther of the Emperor Mauritius committed by Phocas. This was the Rise of the Primacy (or Supremacy) the See of Rome boasts of: Though 'tis plain nothing accrued to them by that Concession of the Emperor Phocas, more than the empty Honour of preceding in Place other Bishops; which is such an Honour as Christ plainly forbid his Apostles to covet. From hence 'tis manifest, this Primacy was of human, not of divine Institution.

If it be ask'd, Granting this to be the true Account of the Pope's Accession to Priority of Place, is not the Power Christ gave to St. Peter rightly devolv'd upon him, as that Apostle's Successor? Without repeating what has been already said touching that Succession, it may be answer'd: That 'tis plain our Saviour commanded his Apostles to preach his Gospel, that the Penitent might receive Forgiveness of their Sins, and the wicked have theirs imputed to them; but it no where appears he gave them a Commission to exalt themselves above the Rulers of Kingdoms or States, and intermeddle in Affairs belonging to the civil Magistrate. St. Paul indeed, taking Notice of the Quarrels and Controversies that were among the new Christians, admonishes them rather to let them be made up by Friends of their own Religion, than carry them before the Tribunals of the Heathen, where Suits were prosecuted with Expence and Animosity: But as it must be confess'd, it would well become the Priests of our Times to make up Differences, prevent Suits, and preach Love and Union to their Auditors; so 'tis most evident the Clergies assum'g a jurisdiction independant on the civil Magistrate, after any State came to be Christian, was an Encroachment and a mischievous Abuse. Who doubts that every Christian, whether Clergyman or Layman, may follow St. Paul's Council, and interpose his good Offices to reconcile People that are at Variance: But may he therefore erect a Court, and exercise the Office of a Judge?

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The first Emperors, upon their Conversion to the Christian Faith, were very indulgent to the Bishops, and having a high Opinion of their Sanctity, gave them Liberty to judge in Matters of Religion. But they making that a Handle for intermeddling in civil Controversies, in time very fairly usurp'd to themselves the sole Decision of all causes any way relating to Marriages, or Wills. In the mean while natural Reason dictates, that the Cause ceasing, the Effect ought also to cease; that is, the Magistrate himself becoming a Christian, the very Foundation of the Apostles Admonition is taken away. But to proceed; Ecclesiastical Censures were at first introduc'd for maintaining Purity of Manners among Christians, and that such who led vicious and dissolute Lives, might be for a Time excluded from the sacred Ordinances: But the Pride of the Popes rose at length to that Pitch, that they excommunicated whole States, Kings, and Emperors; thus trampling under Foot those from whom they had receiv'd all their Honour and Pterogative.

A further Continuation of this Letter, shall be found in our next.

Plymouth, December 10. Yesterday arriv'd a Store Ship from Barcelona, and a Bomb-Vessel from Gibraltar, under Convoy of the Nottingham, Dartmouth, Warspite, and Revenge, who left a Fleet of 50 Sail that they were convoy to, in the Latitude of 53, in very bad Weather.

Dartmouth, December 11. To Day came in the Exeter Merchant, a Transport from Barcelona; who lost her Main-Topmasts and Convoy the 30th ult.

Tarmouth, December 11. The 7 Men of War and the Fleet for Holland are still here: The East Country Fleet, consisting of about 28 Sail, under 3 Convoy are arriv'd here, last from Gorrenburgh.

Harwich, December 10. The Royal Sovereign is on our Coast, having lost her fore and mizen Masts and all her Rigging; but knows not what is become of the Britannia. A Genouese Ship that was laden with 900 Barrels of Herring is stranded; in her 15 Men were drown'd; the Master and 15 more sav'd themselves.

London, December 15.

Last Night an Express from Portsmouth, brought Advice that the Britannia was come to Spithead.

At the Desire of several Persons of Quality.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, this present Saturday, being the 15th of December, will be presented, a Play, call'd, King Henry the VIII. with the Humours of Sir John Falstaff: The Part of Falstaff to be perform'd by Mr. Estcourt; with Dancing by Monsieur Du Ruell and Mrs. Du Ruell; and the Famous Signora Francisca Margarita de l' Epine will perform several Amazementts of Singing in Italian, compos'd by Signor Bonocini, and the best Masters. And an English Song set by the late Mr. Henry Purcell.

At the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Saturday, being the 15th of December, will be presented, The last new Tragedy call'd, Ulysses; with several Entertainments of Italian Singing by the Famous Signora Louvini lately arriv'd, it being the first time of her Performance in England.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintot Next Nardo's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

Lo: h: first of his Instant December, a singl: St ne Amethyst Ring, the Stone weighing 17 Grains of a very good Colour. It offer'd to be sold pray shop it and you shall have 10s. Reward, or if already bought or pawn'd your Money again with content; upon giving Notice to Mr Stockar at the Mitre in the Strand, Goldsmith.

On Friday next being the 18th of this Instant December, will be expos'd to Sale a Collection of good Pictures, at Mr. Smart's, by the Cole-yard at the upper end of Holborn next St. Giles: Attendance will be given till all are sold. Note, at the same Place are 2 Organs to be sold at very reasonable Rates.

This Day being the 15th of December, will continue the Sale by Auction, of a curious Collection of scarce and valuable Prints and Drawings, at the Marine Coffee-house in Birch Lane Cornhill: Some of the Prints and Drawings by the best Masters, viz. Mich. Angelo, Van Dyke, Raphael, &c. The Prints and Drawings may be seen every Day before the Sale begins. Catalogues are deliver'd at the Place of Sale.

A very good House with Stables, Gardens, Or-chards well planted, and other Conveniences, also about 20 Acres of Ground belonging to it, lying at Letherhead near Epsom in Surrey: Together with the Farm of Lath-hill in Ockley Parish in Surrey; are to be sold. Enquire of Mr. Cloke at Furnival's-Inn.

Lately publish'd;

Philosophical Principles of Natural Religion: Containing the Elements of Natural Philosophy, and the Proofs for Natural Religion, arising from them: By George Cheyne, M. D. and F. R. S. Printed for George Strahan at the Golden Ball in Cornhill over against the Royal-Exchange.

An Account of the Courts of Prussia and Hanover; sent to a Minister of State in Holland. The 2d. Edition. To which are added, the Ordinances, Statutes, and Privileges of the Royal Academy erected by the King of Prussia in his Capital City of Berlin. Printed for A. Baldwin near the Oxford Arms in Warwick-lane. Price bound 18 d.

Female Falshood: or, the unfortunate Beau: Being the Amorous Memoirs of a late French Nobleman. Written by himself in his Retirement, and digest'd by Mr. de St. Evremont. Made English: The Second Edition wherein is added the Second Part which compleats the Work. Sold by the Booksellers.

The Roman Essence, a few dr. p. of which drop in a Basin of warm Water, and set in the middle of a Room, takes away all ill Scents, and Perfumes it to Admiration; it prevents Wrinkles in the Face and Hands, and gives a delightful Flavour, as it doth likewise to Shifts, Handkerchiefs, and Linden. It takes away the ill Smell of Soap, and leaves a most pleasant and lasting Odour; and for preserving the Hair of the Head and Periwigs, it is not its equal, keeping them from falling off, or changing Colour. Strengthens the Hair, and keeps it in the Curl longer than any thing now in use, to be had at Mr. Scampton's at the Angel over against the Mermaid-Tavern in Cornhill, Mr. Osborn at the Rose and Crown under St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet street, and at Mr. Girards at the 3 Flower-de-luces near Northumberland-house in the Strand, Toy-Ships, and had not been publish'd had it not been counterfeited under the sham Names of Imperial Royal, &c. At 1s. 6d. the Bottle, seal'd up with Directions.

The Inimitable Buvil, which effectually cures the Scurvy in the Gums, keeps hollow Teeth from aching, rotten Teeth from stinking, or retaining any ill Smell, fastens loose Teeth, and makes them very White, and both hardens the Gums and preserves them from wasting, with printed Directions. Price 12 d. per Box, at the Golden Ball in Fisher's Street near Red Lion Square.

Dr. Farbrough's Pills are of os'd of at the Coffee-house just against the Doctors late Dwelling-house in great Knight-Rider-Street, in Doctor's Common, back Gate: They perfectly cure all Degrees of InDisposition in Venereal Cases, and prevent the Disease if taken soon after the Danger fear'd: They cure the Scurvy and Rheumatism, sweeten the Blood, and cleanse the Stomach and Body of all impurities.

London Fucus for Shoes; being an unparalleled Composition of the most pure and rich Blacks, choice Oils, &c. and is a thing so adapted to the Use, that the World never yet produc'd the like Invention, having gain'd a general Applause, causing the straitest Shoes to wear with delight and ease; beautifies them to admiration, preserves the Leather from cracking or rotting to the very last, and frees the Feet of all Pains, Corns, swellings, &c. Sold only at the 7 Stars, under St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street, and at the Perfumers in the little Entry out of Castle Alley into the Royal Exchange. Price 12 d. a Roll. Note, one Roll serves one Person near half a Year. Beware of that late Counterfeit fally call'd Paris Fucus.

ADVERTISMENT.

The whole Art of Dying, in 2 Parts: Being an experimental Discovery of the most useful Secrets in Dying Silk, Wool, Linnen, &c. and the Manufactures thereof, as practis'd in England, France, Spain, Holland and Germany; as also Instructions for the Culture of the Drugs used in the tinctural Art: Translated from the Originals. Printed for D. Midwinter at the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yrd.

The Common Prayer Book, the best Companion to prepare Communicants for the Lord's Supper, being a preparatory Office collected out of the Liturgy of the Church of England, with perorative Discourses to prove the Dignity of that Holy Sacrement and the Necessity of receiving it: By a Divine of the Church of England: Sold by H. Mortlock at the Phoenix in St. Paul's Church-yard.

A new and accurate Description of the Coast of Guinea, divided into the Gold, the Slave, and the Ivory Coasts. Containing a Geographical, Political and Natural History of the Kingdoms and Countries: With a Particular Account of the Rites, Progress and present Condition of all the European Settlements upon that Coast, and the just Measures for improving the several Branches of the Guinea Trade: Illustrated with several Cutts. Written Originally in Dutch by William Bosman, chief Factor for the Dutch at the Castle of St. George d' Elmina. And now faithfully done into English. To which is prefix'd a Map of the whole Coast of Guinea, that was not in the Original. Printed for J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard. Price 6 s.

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The Necessity of a regular Mission to the Ministry: Asserted and Proved, in a Sermon preach'd at Chertsey, October 16 1705. By Daniel Mayo, M. A. Printed for John Lawrence at the Angel in the Poultry, 1705.

The Second Edition of Medicina Gymnastica: or, A Treatise concerning the Power of Exercise, with respect to the Animal Economy; and the great Necessity of it in the Cure of several Distempers. By F. Fuller, M. A. Printed for R. Knaplock, at the Angel and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard.

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